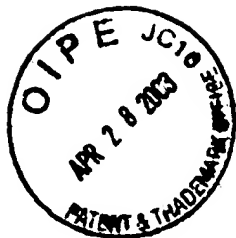


IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



Docket Number A-68718-3/RMS/RMK/JML	
In re Application of	Duong et al
Application Number	09/904,175
Filed	July 11, 2001
For	DEVICES AND METHODS FOR BIOCHIP MULTIPLEXING
Group Art Unit	1634
Examiner	B. Forman

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on

APRIL 23, 2003

MARIA CIGANOVICH

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response in the above-identified application.

The requested extension and appropriate non-small entity fee are as follows:

- | | | |
|-------------------------------------|---|--------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1)) | \$ 110 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2)) | \$ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3)) | \$ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4)) | \$ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5)) | \$ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Applicant is a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27; therefore the fee amount shown above is reduced by one-half, and the resulting fee is: | \$ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | A check for the fee is enclosed | |

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 502319 (Order No. 463037-219 (A-68718-3/RMS/RMK/JML)).

Respectfully submitted,

DORSEY & WHITNEY LLP

By:
Jennifer M. Lane, Patent Agent, Reg. No. 51,916
for Robin M. Silva, Reg. No. 38,304
Attorney for Applicant

04/29/2003 MBIZUNES 00000112 09904175

01 FC:1251

110.00 OP

Four Embarcadero Center, Suite 3400
San Francisco, CA 94111-4187
(415) 781-1989